

Meeting: January 20, 2015

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon      Chair  
Jeanie Smith        Vice Chair  
Elaine Whitney     Secretary  
Brett Aronow  
Karen Kleine  
Paul Block  
Mark Mathias

**Administrators Present:**

Elliott Landon      Superintendent of Schools  
Elio Longo          Dir. of School Business Operations  
James D'Amico      Dir. of Secondary Ed & Research  
Julie Droller        Dir. of Elementary Education  
Marge Cion          Director of Human Resources  
Michael Rizzo        Director of Pupil Services

**PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER:** 6:03 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1028, Conference Room

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Security Matters/Personnel Matters

Brett Aronow moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Security Matters and Personnel Matters; seconded by Karen Kleine; passed unanimously (5-0). All Board members were present, except Elaine Whitney arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Mark Mathias arrived at 6:16 p.m.. Elliott Landon, Elio Longo, Marge Cion, Michael Rizzo, Police Chief Dale Call, Deputy Police Chief Foti Koskinas and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Kepchar were in attendance at the invitation of the Board (Chief Call arrived at 6:04 p.m.). The Executive session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION:**

Literacy Coaches

National Executive Service Corps Short-Term Initiatives

Proposed 2015-16 Budget of the Superintendent of Schools

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Capital Expenditure Request: Mass Communications and Two-Way Radios

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to request of the Board of Finance a school security appropriation in the amount of \$480,630 for Installation of a Mass Notification System and \$262,484 for Installation of a Two-Way Radio System; and**

**Be It Further Resolved, if approved by the Board of Finance, authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to request of the Representative Town Meeting financing approved by the Board of Finance.**

**MOTION: Michael Gordon  
SECOND: Jeannie Smith  
RESULT: Passed Unanimously  
VOTE: 7-0**

Five-Year Capital Forecast: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020

No action was taken.

Health and Medical Insurance: Revenues/Expenses Report

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)